GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Life Saving Drugs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is taking adequate steps to increase the supply of life saving drugs like D-Penicillamine etc., in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the measures being taken to make such drugs available in the market;

(c) the incentives being offered to the companies that are ready to import these drugs; and

(d) whether any company has come forward for import of such drugs and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has been sending all complaints on shortage of D-Penicillamine to the concerned manufacturers on regular basis with instructions to increase supply of the drug in the affected areas. A press release in this regard has also been uploaded on the website of the NPPA indicating the steps taken to ensure availability of Penicillamine drug.

(c): No additional incentive is presently being offered to the companies that are ready to import D-Penicillamine drug.

(d): One manufacturer of the drug D-Penicillamine (M/s Panecea Biotech Limited) informed that due to shortage of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) of D-Penicillamine from China, it had asked the Drugs Controller General (India), DCG(I) to permit one-time import of 500kg API (D-Penicillamine). The NPPA has also requested the DCG (I) to take urgent action in this matter.

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